

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 138 - SB 144

March 5, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the designation of the “SGT Michael P. Oliver Memorial Bridge” from the Lee Ford bridge on State Route 130 in Franklin County and designates the left bridge on State Route 37/U.S. Highway 19E in Carter County as the “SGT Michael P. Oliver Memorial Bridge” and directs the TDOT to erect suitable signs.

Removes the designation of the “PFC Forrest Wells Memorial Bridge” spanning Little Hurricane Creek in Bedford County and designates a different bridge spanning Little Hurricane Creek in Bedford County the “PFC Forrest Wells Memorial Bridge” and directs the TDOT to erect suitable signs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$200/FY23-24/Highway Fund

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-1-133(a), TDOT, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, shall fund from the Highway Fund the cost of signage and marking of an interstate, United States highway, or state highway designated as a memorial highway or memorial bridge for any of the following individuals killed in the line of duty:
 - A member of the military, including the reserves and national guard; or
 - Any state or local public safety official, including, but not limited to, members of the highway patrol, county law enforcement officials, local police officers, firefighters, whether paid or volunteer, and emergency medical personnel.
- Public Chapter 1009 of 2022 designated a bridge on State Route 13 in Franklin County as the “SGT Michael P. Oliver Memorial Bridge;” however, the incorrect bridge was chosen and subsequently the construction and dedication of such bridge was cancelled.
- This legislation will result in the construction of the sign and dedication of a bridge in Carter County as the “SGT Michael P. Oliver Memorial Bridge.”
- According to information provided by TDOT, the signs were never constructed.
- Public Chapter 1009 of 2022 designated the “PFC Forrest Wells Memorial Bridge” spanning Little Hurricane Creek in Bedford County. The signage for this bridge was constructed and erected. To move these signs to a different location can be accomplished with existing TDOT staff and resources.
- In FY22-23, the cost to manufacture a sign was \$150.

- The aforementioned public chapter provided funding to TDOT of \$300 (\$150 x 2 signs) for the “SGT Michael P. Oliver Memorial Bridge.”.
- The cost to manufacture and erect a sign now costs \$250.
- The new total cost will be \$500 (\$250 x 2 signs).
- Given the FY22-23 budgetary funding, there will be an increase in state expenditures from the Highway Fund in FY23-24 of \$200 (\$500 - \$300).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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